

# SPORTS NEWSY STORIES FROM THE BUSY ATHLETIC WORLD

## NO MORE SOUTHERN TRIPS FOR MINORS

Class "AA" Teams Likely to Shape Up in Their Own Ball Yards in the Future.

### BIG LEAGUES OPEN APRIL 14

Schedule of 154 Games Will Be Adopted, and Season to End About October 8—Changes in Central Circuit Under Consideration.

Southern training trips for ball clubs in Class AA leagues and below are likely to be unusual occurrences in the future, instead of being the regular thing. A few years back some club owners in the minor leagues decided that these Southern jaunts were somewhat of a necessity in order that the players might be in the best possible condition to get the jump on opposing clubs. It was not long before other club owners decided to adopt similar tactics, and soon every club in the leading minor leagues was going through a spring training trip, just like the majors. Now the policy of the entertainment is here strong, and the training trip is likely to be dispensed with in the future.

One prominent owner in the minor leagues aired his view on Southern training trips for minor leaguers while the baseball meeting was being held in New York. "In the old days they were glad to report at the home grounds a few days before the season opened and gradually condition themselves for the early games. And in those days they got into condition, too, though it was not the condition of the professional player, it served the purpose, and no club had any great advantage over another. But it is a different matter today. I took a ball club down South last spring, and we lived in what might be called a luxury when compared with the conditions a few years back in our own league. Of course, a minor league team has no great drawing power in the South when all the big leagues can be had for exhibition games, and there was practically nothing coming in. Hotel and traveling expenses were as heavy as those of a professional team, and the players seemed to be dissatisfied all the time. The food did not please them, and the fact that the expenses were running up into the thousands seemed to be forgotten."

It took a long time to make a long story short, we came back to open the playing season, and I guess we had one player who could be called in shape, according to the meeting of the league. I know that we did not have more than one player. Well, it cost us just \$500 for the trip, which was a loss. When I come to think it over, I realize that trip was a waste of money. In the major leagues the practice is all right, because there is often the opportunity to get the money back. In the minor leagues, which is not possible for minor leaguers. Then, again, a league club has no chance of making the deficit for a trip such as ours, while minor league clubs cannot lose such a sum. The fact is, the conditions change somewhat there will be several class AA and A clubs training next spring in place of the major leagues. A club could have trained in the South, and come home almost as fit as my team was a year ago."

The director of the Pacific Coast League have decided to take Salt Lake City into the league in place of Sacramento, which was unable to support a club. The transfer will be taken up at a conference soon at Salt Lake City.

Play in the American and National Leagues next season will start on April 14. It was said by B. R. Johnson, president of the former organization, before conferring to Louisville, Ky., from which he returned, to attend the schedule meetings of the league. It was said, will call for 154 games, as in former years, and the season will close on about the same date as in former years. It is expected that the world series started in good weather.

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Although the women's ranking committee sent in their report, they were not represented. The "West Side" club, which has been in Baltimore all the week, is expected home sometime today.

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## DOAK DRILLS CAROLINA'S BASEBALL LEAGUE MAY HAVE PREVENTED WAR

Former Guilford College Expert Has Splendid Talent From Which to Select Team.

### PLAY DURHAM "Y" TO-NIGHT

After Holidays Elton College, Wake Forest and Virginia Educational Institutional Teams Will Meet Tarheel Aggregation—The Schedule.

CHAPEL HILL, December 18.—With football in the background and baseball away in the foreground of Carolina's athletic consciousness, basketball will afford the sporting events at the State university during the mid-winter months. The shaping of the talent that will represent Carolina this season has been the task of Coach "Chick" Doak, of Guilford College, for several weeks past, and the completion of the season's schedule assures the readiness of Carolina's quintet for the midwinter sport.

Sixteen games constitute the season's program, with two games having already been played with the Durham "Y" and the Wake Forest team. The schedule for to-morrow night at Chapel Hill, which will climax the Christmas games. On the resumption of the schedule following the holidays, the college will be played at Chapel Hill January 11. Then with another brief interruption for the mid-year conference at the University of Virginia, the schedule will go through to a termination, the final game with Elton College at Elton College, Va., on January 11.

The schedule permits of twelve games on foreign territory, with four games reserved for the Carolina quintet. The schedule is as follows: January 11—Elton College, at Chapel Hill. January 16—Wake Forest College, at Chapel Hill. February 2—University of Virginia, at Chapel Hill. February 11—Wake Forest College, at Wake Forest. February 13—Guilford College, at Guilford College. February 15—Roanoke College, at Salem, Va. February 16—Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va. February 17—University of Virginia, at Charlottesville. February 18—Stanton Military Academy, at Stanton, Va. February 20—Lynchburg V. M. C. A., at Lynchburg. February 27—Elton College, at Elton College.

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If the net losses were \$50,000, that means the entire income for the season was only about \$25,000. Figured on the basis of 154 games, it means that the gross receipts per day for the club was only about \$160.

There may be enough money in the reserve fund of the University of Pennsylvania to build that 100,000 seating capacity stadium that they are talking about, but those who saw the Army-Navy game on Franklin Field are inclined to believe that the Pennsy people wouldn't let loose of it for such a purpose. They are too economical.

The University of Pennsylvania folks who had charge of the Army-Navy game, were so economical about it that they failed to whitewash the yard lines. Whitewash would have cost about 10 cents. Also they used an antiquated board which seemed to have been lettered about six years ago, and which hadn't been retouched since. Retouching would have cost about 25 cents.

## BASKETBALL

Madison's the Champs. In one of the most exciting and thrilling games yet seen at Richmond, the Madison Schoolboys won a clear title to the championship of the Schoolboy League by defeating the boys from Jackson School by the score of 20 to 1.

Madison boys played the best game of their career and clearly outclassed their opponents. The game was entirely one-sided. The Madison team, composed of 100 alumni of the school, who were present as a comeback club. Over 300 children witnessed the game.

It would be impossible to pick a star, for every player played the game of his life for Madison. As Tompkins, the coach expressed it, "the boys threw aside individual glory and played as a team. Each had his own part to play. After the game the alumni met in the assembly and organized an alumni association composed of graduates since 1912. Summary:

Madison Position: Jackson, Joyce, left forward; Rucker, Carroll, right forward; Watkins, Huff, center; Watkins, Traylor, left guard; Burnham, Taylor, right guard. Score: Madison, 20; Jackson, 1. Goals from field—Madison, 9. Goals from foul—Madison, 11. Referee, Metcalf, of William and Mary. Time of halves, 15 and 20 minutes.

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Barton Heights Wins. Barton Heights won from Highland Park in a hotly contested game on the Barton Heights court. Features of the game were the splendid teamwork of the entire Barton Heights team, and the splendid play of the Barton Heights team. The Barton Heights team, composed of 100 alumni of the school, who were present as a comeback club. Over 300 children witnessed the game.

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The rivalry between the schools is intense and the game was hard fought. Highland Springs took the lead early in the game, but Highland Park, in the second half, overcame the deficit and won the game. The Highland Park team, composed of 100 alumni of the school, who were present as a comeback club. Over 300 children witnessed the game.

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Mayor Ainslie signed and returned to City Clerk August yesterday all the ordinances passed by the Board of Aldermen, which is required to meet within 15 days of the adjournment of the Board. The most important of the measures which became law yesterday with the Mayor's signature follow: Establishing the Richmond Public Employment Bureau. The ordinance creates an independent board of five members, appointed by the Mayor, which is required to meet within 15 days of the adjournment of the Board. The board will be in charge of a fund drawn from a salary of \$1,500 a year.

Appropriating \$1,000 for the Mayor's relief of the city. The ordinance appropriates \$1,750 for the immediate relief of the city. Of this amount, \$1,000 is to be paid to the running expenses of the city during the current fiscal year, and the balance of \$750 is to be used to acquire the property needed for the widening of Fourteenth Street, between the present location of the city and the new location of the city.

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Mayor Ainslie signed and returned to City Clerk August yesterday all the ordinances passed by the Board of Aldermen, which is required to meet within 15 days of the adjournment of the Board. The most important of the measures which became law yesterday with the Mayor's signature follow: Establishing the Richmond Public Employment Bureau. The ordinance creates